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In re Application of :
Donald J. Koropatnick et al :
Application No. 09/509,418 :
Filed: July 11, 2000 :
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ON PETITION

This is a decision on the petition, filed April 12, 2002, under the unintentional provisions of 37 CFR 1.137(b) to revive the above-identified application. The petition is also being treated under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.182 to expedite consideration of the instant petition under 37 CFR 1.137(b).

The petitions are granted.

This application became abandoned for failure to file a proper and timely reply to the final Office action of September 20, 2001, which set a three month shortened statutory period for reply. A three month extension of time was obtained on March 5, 2002. Accordingly, the date of abandonment of this application is March 21, 2002.

The instant petition satisfies the requirements for revival under the unintentional provisions of 37 CFR 1.137(b). Accordingly, the reply to the September 20, 2001 final Office action is accepted as having been unintentionally delayed.

Any questions concerning this decision on petition should be directed to the undersigned at (703) 305-8680. Any questions concerning the status or examination procedure of this application should be directed to the Technology Center.

This application is being forwarded to Technology Center AU 1635 for processing the request for continued examination under 37 CFR 1.114¹ filed concurrently with the instant petition.

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¹ The \$740 fee required for the continued prosecution application will be charged to Deposit Account No. 14-0112 as authorized.